



THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
1000 DEFENSE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, DC 20301-1000

OCT 5 2004

AS
FT
T10936

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I have approved the retirement of General James T. Hill, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of general on the retired list. I have exercised my authority to waive the 3-year service-in-grade requirement and certify that General Hill has served satisfactorily on active duty in his current grade. General Hill, who is 58 years of age, currently serves as the Commander, United States Southern Command. I have also notified the President of the United States and the President of the Senate of this action.

Sincerely,

cc:

The Honorable Duncan Hunter
Chairman, House Armed Services Committee
The Honorable Ike Skelton
Ranking Member, House Armed Services Committee



RECEIVED
OCT - 5 PM 8:18
SENATE & HOUSE
U.S. HOUSE OF REPS.